

EXHIBIT 7

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MAY CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN AUDIO PLAYERS AND
CONTROLLERS, COMPONENTS THEREOF,
AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1191

**ORDER 20: CONSTRUING THE TERMS OF THE ASSERTED CLAIMS OF THE
PATENTS AT ISSUE**

(September 25, 2020)

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MAY CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Commission voted to institute this Investigation on February 6, 2020 to determine whether the importation, sale for importation, or sale within the United States after importation of certain audio players and controllers, components thereof, and products containing the same¹ violates section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, due to infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,195,258 (“the ’258 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 10,209,953 (“the ’953 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,588,949 (“the ’949 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 9,219,959 (“the ’959 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 10,439,896 (“the ’896 patent”) (collectively, the “Asserted Patents”). *See* 85 Fed. Reg. 7783 (Feb. 11, 2020). Complainant Sonos, Inc. (“Sonos”) is the Complainant. The Notice of Investigation named Alphabet Inc. and Google LLC (“Google”) as Respondents; however, Google is the only remaining Respondent.² The Commission Investigative Staff (“Staff”) is participating in this Investigation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a *Markman* hearing was not held in this Investigation.³

II. IN GENERAL

The claim terms construed in this Order are done so for the purposes of this section 337 Investigation. Those terms not in dispute need not be construed. *See Vanderlande Indus.*

¹ The plain language description of the accused products is “networked speaker devices, and devices (for example, mobile phones and laptops) capable of controlling these devices.” 85 Fed. Reg. 7783 (Feb. 11, 2020).

² Alphabet Inc. was terminated from this Investigation on September 1, 2020. *See* Order No. 18.

³ For convenience, the briefs and chart submitted by the parties are referred to as:

CMIB	Sonos’ Initial <i>Markman</i> Brief
CMRB	Sonos’ Reply <i>Markman</i> Brief
RMIB	Google’s Initial <i>Markman</i> Brief
RMRB	Google’s Reply <i>Markman</i> Brief
SMIB	Staff’s Initial <i>Markman</i> Brief
JC	Updated Joint Proposed Claim Construction Chart

MAY CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION**VI. CLAIM CONSTRUCTION****A. Agreed-Upon Constructions**

The parties have agreed to the following constructions:

TERM	PATENT(S)	AGREED-TO CONSTRUCTIONS
“zone player” / “playback device” / “player”	8,588,949 9,195,258 9,219,959 10,209,953 10,439,896	“data network device configured to process and output audio”
“network interface”	9,195,258 9,219,959 10,209,953 10,439,896	“physical component of a device that provides an interconnection with a data network”
“playback timing information”	9,195,258 10,209,953	“information indicating when the audio information [content] is to be played back”
“clock time information” / “clock timing information”	9,195,258 10,209,953	“information representing a time value indicated by a device’s clock”
“a synchrony group”	9,195,258 10,209,953	“a set of two or more zone players that are to play the same audio program synchronously”
“independently clocked”	9,195,258	“operating in accordance with their own respective clocks during synchronous playback”
“multimedia”	8,588,949	“any type of media that comprises audio (including audio alone)”
“pairing”	9,219,959	“configuration involving two or more playback devices that have different playback roles”

JC at 1-2. The undersigned hereby adopts the parties’ proposed constructions and shall construe the terms set forth above according to their agreed-to definitions.

B. Disputed Constructions**1. “local area network” / “wireless local area network”**

The term “local area network” appears in claim 1 of the ’949 patent, claim 17 of the ’258 patent, and claims 7, 12, 22, and 23 of the ’953 patent. The term “wireless local area network” appears in claims 1, 5, 6, and 12 of the ’896 patent. The parties disagree on the claim construction of these terms and have proposed the following constructions: